

STATEMENT OF WORK
Prescribed Grazing (528)
IOWA

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.

DESIGN**Deliverables:**

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in the practice standard, and job sheet plus Iowa Agronomy Technical Notes #30 or #31, #32, and #33 have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices:
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan.
 - b. Documentation of existing required and/or facilitating practices and if those practices are function and meet NRCS standards and specifications.
 - c. Practice standard criteria-related inventories and analyses to develop grazing management plans include but are not limited to: The grazing plan checklist can be used to ensure documentation of requirements below.
 - i. Resource and forage inventories to include: livestock watering system currently used, existing fences and working facilities, livestock kind and class, number and weight, predominant forage species, soil type(s), current grazing method, or needed, etc.
 - ii. Forage-animal balance use Iowa Agronomy Technical Notes #30
 - iii. Intensity, frequency of defoliations, timing, season of grazing, and duration of grazing and/or browsing by paddock in the grazing system.
 - iv. Drought Plan including sacrifice paddock identification.
 - v. Location of planned and existing fences, water systems, working facilities and supporting or facilitating practices planned delineated with a legend, scale and north arrow on an aerial photo.
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client and NRCS office that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice.
4. Specification sheet provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to apply the practice.
5. Operation and maintenance plan.
6. Certification that the Grazing Management Plan meets NRCS practice standard criteria and complies with applicable laws and regulations.
7. Design modifications during installation as required.

INSTALLATION**Deliverables:**

1. Pre-application conference with client.
2. Application assistance as requested by producer.
3. Maps or aerial photos, plans, NRCS standards, technical notes, job sheets and other materials necessary for producer to properly apply this practice.
4. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
5. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations, and NRCS policies during implementation.
6. Certification that the application process and materials meets NRCS grazing plan requirements.

CHECK OUT**Deliverables:**

1. Records of application:
 - a. The prescribed grazing standard is met on pasturelands if the leaves of the forage meet at least the minimum stubble height for the majority of the pasture. The prescribed grazing standard is met for prairies, rangelands or forests if the key forage species has no more than 50% utilization, ecological site descriptions and forage suitability groups should be used when available for guidance. The prescribed grazing standard is met on cropland if livestock maintain adequate body condition.
 - b. Extent of practice units applied.
 - c. Utilization check.
 - d. Map or aerial photo showing location(s) of actual practice application.

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2. Certification that the grazing plan with the planned conservation practices meets NRCS standards and specifications.
3. Exit conference with client and contractor.
4. Information provided for progress reporting.

REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Prescribed Grazing (528)
- NRCS National Range and Pasture Handbook
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook

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